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1. FEDERAL HEALTH MINISTER DR. KATHARINA FOCKE AND
FEDERAL MINISTER FOR RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY HANS
MATTHOEFER ON APRIL 28, 1976, PRESENTED A "DISCUSSION
PAPER" ON A LONG-TERM FRAMEWORK PROGRAM "RESEARCH AND
TECHNOLOGY IN THE SERVICE OF HEALTH" NOW UNDER DEVELOP-
MENT. THE MAIN POINTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE:

- RESEARCH ON DISEASE CAUSES AND RISK FACTORS
(HEALTH RESEARCH(,
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON DISEASE AND HANDI-
CAPS OF HIGH RELEVANCE FOR HEALTH POLICY
(DISEASE RESEARCH),
- RESEARCH ON STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE
HEALTH SYSTEM,
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ON GENERAL IMPROVE-
MENTS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN HEALTH.

2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE THE MINISTER STATED THAT

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THE WIDELY SPREAD CIVILIZATION DISEASE, THE COST

DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEALTH FIELD, AS WELL AS THE EFFICIENCY OF PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS OF HEALTH POLICY IN THE FRG AS WELL AS IN OTHER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, AND THAT THESE PROBLEMS DESERVE SPECIAL ATTENTION NOW AND IN THE FUTURE. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHALL THEREFORE CONCENTRATE ITS EFFORTS, IN COOPERATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRIES OF HEALTH, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY, AND LABOR, TO OVERCOME THESE PROBLEMS AND TO BRING ABOUT COORDINATION AND COOPERATION OF SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS, SCIENCE AND ALL OTHER INSTITUTIONS AND PROFESSIONS WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE HEALTH SECTOR.

3. PRIORITIES OF THE PROGRAM NOW PRESENTED FOR DISCUSSION WILL COVER

- HEALTH RESEARCH, SPECIFICALLY REDUCTION OF CAUSE AND RISK FACTORS AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES AS WELL AS EARLY DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT THROUGH IMPROVED SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE,
- DISEASE RESEARCH, SPECIFICALLY HEART AND CIRCULATION SYSTEMS, MALIGNANT GROWTHS (CANCER), RHEUMATIC DISEASES, PHYSICAL AND MENTAL IMPAIRMENT, DENTISTRY, AND MOTHER AND CHILD MORTALITY FACTORS,
- RESEARCH ON STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM, IN LINE WITH EFFICIENCY, DEMAND, ECONOMY AND FINANCING,
- OVERLAPPING R&D FOR GENERAL IMPROVEMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, THROUGH BASIC RESEARCH IN MEDICINE AND THE NATURAL SCIENCES AS WELL AS SOCIOLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FIENDS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS DATA PROCESSING, X-RAY AND ULTRASONIC TECHNOLOGIES AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC-TECHNOLOGICAL SERVICES (LARGE APPARATUS).

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